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SUBJECT:PRESS SUMMARY - MARCH 3

1. NYT (PAGE 6) CHRISTOPHER WREN REPORTS INDEPENDENT STANCE OF WESTERN COMMUNIST PARTIES NOT ONLY THREATEN MOSCOW'S CLAIM TO LEADERSHIP OF WORLD COMMUNIST MOVEMENT BUT CONTAINS SEEDS OF A SKEPTICISM THAT COULD UNDERMINE THE IDEOLOGICAL PREMISES THAT THE SOVIET UNION ADVANCES TO JUSTIFY ITS AMBITIOUS FOREIGN POLICY, CONTINUED HEGEMONY OVER EASTERN EUROPE AND AUTHORITARIAN CONTROLS AT HOME.

2. NYT (PAGE 7) DAVID SHIPLER REPORTS THE UPPER ECHELONS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY ARE EVIDENTLY AT ODDS WITH SOME SEGMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENTAL BUREAUCRACY OVER HOW MUCH EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON PRODUCING CONSUMER GOODS. ALSO SUN.

3. SUN (PAGE 4) HAL PIPER SAYS PERSONAL FLATTERY SHOWERED ON BREZHNEV HAS REVIVED TALK OF A PERSONALITY CULT BUT SOVIET SOURCES QUESTIONED ABOUT IT POOH-POOH THE IDEA.

4. SUN (OP-ED PAGE) CHARLES YOST'S "NATIONS IGNORE COMMON UNCLASSIFIED

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GOOD" SAYS NOTHING IS MORE NECESSARY TO PEACE AND PROGRESS

OF MANKIND THAN AT LEAST MODICUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION AMONG U.S., SOVIET AND CHINA BUT EACH OF THE THREE, WHILE NO DOUBT GENUINELY DESIRING A MEASURE OF DETENTE WITH THE OTHER, SEEMS UNWILLING TO PAY THE NECESSARY PRICE RESTRICTING OR MUTING INCOMPATIBLE OBJECTIVES.

5. WP (PAGE 1) PETER OSNOS REPORTS ON HOW U.S. PROTECTS SECRETS IN MOSCOW FROM COMBINATION LOCKS TO PLASTIC BUBBLE FOR SENSITIVE DISCUSSIONS.

6. WP (PAGE 3) REUTERS REPORTS DEPARTMENT'S COMPLAINT TO SOVIET EMBASSY ABOUT DISTRIBUTION OF A NOVOSTI ARTICLE, WHICH DEPARTMENT LABELLED "DISTORTED, INACCURATE AND IN POOR TASTE," WHICH SAID U.S. CONGRESS HAS ACTED UNDER PRESSURE OF "ZIONIST-ISRAELI LOBBY."

7. WP (PAGE 16) MURREY MARDER SAYS PRESIDENT'S ATTEMPT TO JETTISON POLITICALLY TAINTED WORD, DETENTE, SENT WHITE HOUSE AND STATE DEPARTMENT RUNNING IN CIRCLES TO DISCLAIM ANY SHIFT IN U.S.-SOVIET POLICY.

8. WSJ (OP-ED PAGE) EDIT "THE PARTY CONGRESS RHAPSODY" SAYS NO ONE SHOULD BLAME KOSYGIN FOR PUTTING BEST FACE POSSIBLE ON SOVIET ECONOMY BUT ONE ONLY NEED SURVEY SHORTAGES AT CORNER GROCERY TO KNOW, YET AGAIN, SOVIET ECONOMY IS IN TROUBLE.

9. STAR (PAGE 3) HENRY BRADSHAW REPORTS COMMUNIST REVIVE DOMINO THEORY AS SOVIETS ENDORSE IDEA THAT VICTORY OF VIETNAM HAS OPENED UP FRESH HORIZONS BEFORE THE WHOLE OF SOUTHEAST ASIA. KISSINGER

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